

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated May 17, 2005, claims 1-8, 10, 11, 13 and 14 were rejected, and claims 9, 12, 15 and 16 were objected to. Applicants sincerely appreciate the indicated allowability of claims 9, 12, 15 and 16.

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, and allowance of the claims, as amended.


All of the rejected claims are being canceled, obviating the rejection under 35 USC §102(b) and rejections under 35 USC §103(a).

In view of the above amendments, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC §102(b) and 103(a) is respectfully requested.

Claims 9, 12, 15 and 16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but held allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Each of claims 9, 12, 15 and 16 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view thereof, withdrawal of the objection to these claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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